GENTIANA CATESBÆI.

Blue Gentian.

PLATE XXXIV.

I am indebted to the late Dr. Macbride, of Charleston, S. C. for my specimens of this medicinal plant, and for a quantity of its root in preservation. Many of the perennial species of Gentian have a great degree of bitterness in the root, and among these the *Gentiana lutea*, or common imported Gentian of the shops, stands preeminent. Of the American species, several bear great resemblance in taste and effect to the European plant. No one, however, which I have examined approaches so near to the officinal root in bitterness, as the species which is the subject of this article. This species was formerly confounded with the *Gentiana saponaria*, a fine autumnal plant, common in the Northern and Mid-